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The Norman Fire Department will continue working the scene of last Friday's fire in east Norman throughout the day. There are still some hot spots and flare ups occurring, but the fire is contained.

Fire investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Norman Fire Department are in the process of determining the cause of the fire that originated on Friday. The cause of the fire at this point is being considered to be suspicious. Additionally, the Norman Fire Department has responded to six other grass fires since Sunday night that are all of a suspicious nature. The Norman Fire Marshals Office, Norman Police Department and the Cleveland County Sheriffs Deputies will be patrolling the area and ask that citizens report any suspicious activity to authorities at (405) 321-1444. Information provided that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a Norman Crime Stoppers reward up to \$1,000.

Norman Fire Chief James Fullingim encourages everyone to be vigilant concerning outdoor fires. "I want to remind our citizens that we are under a statewide burn-ban and the use of outdoor fires is very limited."

The six latest suspicious grass fires were contained very quickly, caused no property damage and were all less than one acre in size. This is primarily a result of the immediate reporting by our citizens allowing firefighters to contain the fires before they developed into larger more dangerous incidents.

For further information please contact the Norman Fire Department at 292-9780.